

# Diesel Technology Forum Legislative Update

**Midwest Clean Diesel Initiative** 

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# **Diesel Technology Forum**

### Objective:

Increase awareness about clean diesel technology

### Membership:

Includes energy companies, engine & vehicle manufacturers and emission treatment companies

#### Methods:

Educational materials & outreach events



# Diesel Technology Forum Leaders in Promoting Clean Diesel Technology



### **General Motors**





































# **Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA)**

- Sen. Voinovich (R-OH), Sen. Carper (D-DE)
- Creates dedicated diesel retrofit funding program
- Authorizes \$200 Million/yr -- 5 yrs
  - 70/30 overall funding split National State
- Criteria: 50 % of funding must go to public fleets
  - All sectors, applications, vehicles & equipment
  - Priorities to non-attainment areas, cost effective projects and those benefiting greatest number of people
  - Provides matching incentive for state-funded programs
  - Not more than 10 % of funds to non-verified emerging technologies



# Transportation Bill -- CMAQ Funding

#### SAFETEA-LU

- \$1.6 to \$1.8 Billion/year overall program 2005-2009
- ➤ What's eligible?: "replacement, re-powering, rebuilding, after treatment or other technology, as determined by the Administrator"

#### Who decides?

• States and MPOs are directed to give priority to "(1) diesel retrofits, particularly where necessary to facilitate contract compliance, and other cost-effective emission reduction activities, taking into consideration air quality and health effects; and (2) cost-effective congestion mitigation activities that provide air quality benefits."



# **EPA DERA Appropriations: Pros and Cons**

#### PROS:

- A dedicated retrofit program
- Established by consensus process -- industry and environmental groups
- High degree of support, passed Senate 92-1
- Can be used everywhere

#### CONS:

- Nice program but NO money guaranteed yet
- New program seeking NEW MONEY- hard to find, competing priorities, (ie. war, hurricane relief, etc)



### **CMAQ** Funding

#### PROS:

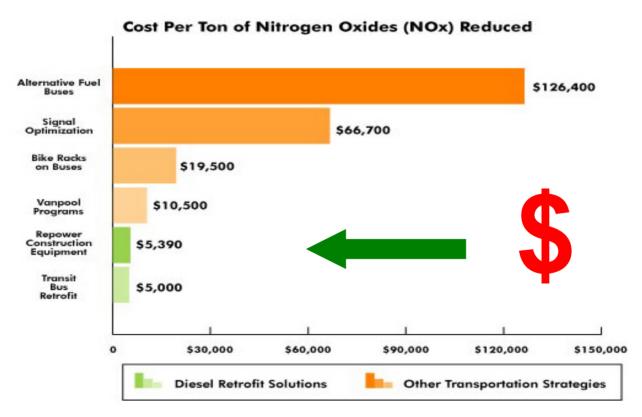
- Significant magnitude of funding \$1.6 Billion/annual
- Diesel retrofit priorities are established
- Broad opportunity for replacement, re-power, retrofit,
- Covers contracting requirements— important for contractors.

#### **CONS:**

- Few diesel retrofit projects done in the past
- Competes with other types of projects with strong, established advocates
- Difficult, lengthy, confusing process for project consideration
- Priority for diesel retrofit not well known among all stakeholders
- Limited to non-attainment and maintenance areas



### Clean Diesel Retrofits are Cost-Effective



This chart represents a sample of CMAQ-eligible strategies, including specific project examples. For a more complete list of CMAQ-eligible strategies, the cost-effectiveness of these project examples and full sourcing information, visit www.dieselforum.org.retrofit.



# **Assessment of Funding Options**

Most funding available: CMAQ

\$1.6 Billion/yr /'05-'09

Most dedicated program: DERA

Widest eligibility: DERA

Most uncertain funding: DERA

Max \$200 million/yr for 5 yrs= \$1 Billion

Most difficult application process
 CMAQ

Most competitive source: CMAQ



### **DERA Funding**

- President Bush's DERA budget request for \$49.5 million
- While short of \$200 million authorized,
   significantly more than appropriated last year
- More than 45 Senators and 85
   Representatives have sent a letter to Appropriators asking to maintain the President's request
- Markup by House Appropriations subcommittee will be held on Thursday



# **Other Funding Concerns**

- State and local air quality grant budget cut by \$35.1 million to \$185.2 million
- State & local grant program funds basic pollution control activities – needed for implementation of DERA
- Similar letters sent to appropriators requesting that previous funding levels be maintained.



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